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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al. )  
Serial No. 08/799,506 ) Art Unit: 1107  
Filed: February 12, 1997 ) Examiner: M. Wilczewski  
For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, )  
APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A )  
SEMICONDUCTOR AND )  
APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE ) Date: August 10, 1998

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**AND NOTIFICATION OF RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

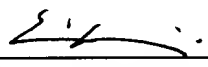
Japanese Laid-Open Nos. 5-206063, 4-251921 and 3-82121 were cited in a counterpart Korean application.

The examiner's attention is also directed to U.S. application serial number 08/768,465. The references cited therein are also submitted herewith for consideration by the examiner. The '465 application and U.S. Patent No. 5,663,077 disclose an invention which includes forming a thin oxide layer on a semiconductor film by thermal anneal or irradiating light under an oxidation atmosphere. However, the present invention claims a thin oxide layer or nitride layer formed on a semiconductor film by laser annealing under atmosphere comprising oxygen and nitrogen.

Submitted herewith is the requisite fee of \$240.00. Hence, it is requested that the references submitted herewith be considered and made of record in the subject application.

Copies of the references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

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